Bridge at Kollakadavu.

44. ✻ **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether provision has been included in the budgets of the last three years for the construction of the bridge at Kollakadavu on the Chengannur-Mavelikara Road;

(*b*) the amount spent for the purpose from the budget allotment in each year; and

(*c*) the steps taken or work done in 1118 and 1119 in connection with the construction of the above bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes, except in the budget for the year 1118.

(*b*) No amount was spent in the years 1117 and 1119.

(*c*) The necessary further investigations have been conducted and an estimate is under preparation.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With regard to the answer under item (*c*), may I know how long this estimate has been under preparation?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: For the past 1½ years.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the same answer was given at the budget session of 1118?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the same answer was given during the last budget session which is contained in Volume XXII Part 2?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The estimate has been completed and is with me now.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is any provision for the construction of this particular bridge in the current year's budget?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes. There is a provision of Rs. 20,000.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Is there any possibility of any bridge being constructed in the near future?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It depends upon the availability of materials such as steel and cement.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know why the execution of this work has been delayed so long?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is on account of the difficulties in getting materials.

Chavara Bridge.

45. ✻ **MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long is it since the Chavara bridge became unfit for bus traffic;

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(*b*) whether inconvenience is caused to passengers due to its present condition ; and

(*c*) whether any estimate has been prepared for its reconstruction?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) The bridge is fit for light traffic.

(*b*) Yes, a little, on account of the unloading of heavily laden buses.

(*c*) An estimate is under preparation by the P. W. D.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : May I know from the Chief Engineer whether much damage has been caused to the bridge by a motor boat striking against the pillar ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Not within recent times. Some damage occured some time back and it has since been repaired.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED : May I know whether any compensation has been realised from the Company on this account ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : I claim notice.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (*Nominated*) : May I know whether this bridge was unfit for use during the last few years ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : It was never unfit.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR : ഈ പാലം ലൈറ്റ് ട്രാഫിക്കിനാ ണെന്ന പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. അതു ഏതു വിധത്തിലുള്ള വാഹനങ്ങളാ ണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : There is a notification near the bridge saying that heavy loaded buses should travel on the bridge unloaded. The maximum weight that can be borne by the bridge is about one and a half tons.

Irrigation works.

46. ✻ **MR. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount budgeted for irrigation works in the State in each of the years 1117, 1118 and 1119 ;

(*b*) the expenditure on irrigation works in each of these years ;

(*c*) the works undertaken in Tiruvalla taluk in each of these years ; and

(*d*) if any allotment for any work had lapsed the reasons for the lapse ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Rs. 2,38,200, Rs. 3,00,000 and Rs. 3,00,000 for 1117, 1118 and 1119 respectively.

(*b*) Rs. 1,27,569 for 1117 and Rs. 1,21,393 for 1118. The expenditure for 1119 cannot be furnished now.

(*c*) A *list is placed on the table.

**Vide* Appendix I pages 151-152.

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